

'SAMMEES' ARE APT PUPILS IN ARTILLERY FIRE

French Teachers Have Already Passed Them Out of Primary Class

SOON READY FOR BOCHES

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FIELD HEADQUARTERS OF THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Sept. 22.

All through that portion of this war that I have witnessed I have seen much artillery fire without realizing the intricacy of detail involved in it. I remember upon one occasion seeing a long line of concealed 75's belching forth shells, and from my observation point witnessing the havoc caused to the Boche trenches and how after a few days' life in an artillery training camp, where I see sturdy young Sammees and earnest conscientious officers on the job, I have learned something of the modus operandi of this important branch of the service.

There is very much for these artillery Sammees to learn before they are ready for the fight. They have a good long road to travel before that day arrives, but they are on the way. Under instruction of French officers, they are moving with more than ordinary rapidity toward their goal.

This war has relegated to the scrap heap the obsolete methods of former artillery warfare, when a field piece dashed up to a point, in the open and without utilizing the cover of a specific problem. That problem is simple—to get the other fellow and to get him quick. Here is how it is done:

There are four guns to a battery, be they 1-inch or 75, or 118 or 6. There are seven men to a gun crew. No. 1 works the range bubble, No. 2 pulls the lanyard, these men sitting at right and left of the gun's rear; No. 3 sits at the caisson, always to one side of the gun, and keeps the fuse setter at the proper point for the essential distance in length the fuse is to be clipped, this being determined by the range distance; Nos. 4 and 5 are placed right and left of the gun behind their fellows and take the ammunition out of the caisson for transmission to the fuse cutter, while Nos. 6 and 7 pass the shell to the breech as required. Each gun squad is known as a section and consist of sixteen drivers and eighteen men, including the gun crew and timber drivers. These men interchange as gun crews, so that each and all receive the same instruction.

So much for the merely mechanical work, which is directed by telephone from the observing stations in messages given aloud by a soldier receiver to the officer in command, always a lieutenant, who transmits them aloud to the sergeant in charge of the crew. The actual command to fire is given in a sign, the lowering in quick motion of an upflitted arm being the signal to pull the lanyard. The range is anywhere from — to — meters (figures deleted by censor) and the objective is always out of sight of the gunners.

The target is an objective that may be hidden behind trees or thick growth, visible only to the observer who is in the air, either in a sausage balloon or an airplane. His signals are transmitted to the officer commanding the battery, who makes his calculations therefrom, and as he is generally a considerable distance away from the gun, relays his own commands by phone, particularly when directing concealed fire, which is here described.

BRITISH RAIDERS DOWN SIX PLANES

German Craft Destroyed in Foray Against Two Flanders Airdromes

LONDON, Oct. 22.—Six German airplanes were downed yesterday during British naval bombing raids on the Wessinghan and Houtave airdromes in Flanders an Admiralty statement announced today.

France's coup in destroying or crippling at least seven out of the eight Zeppelins, with which it is generally believed the Germans made their Friday night raid over London, gave powerful impetus today to demand for immediate assumption of an aerial offensive by England.

What the average Londoner cannot understand is why the French should have been so extraordinarily successful in bringing down German aircraft while the supposedly perfect British dirigible system failed. The incident served to create the most intense irritation in many quarters today, because it developed a belief that the Government was not bending every energy toward protection of the people at home.

Paris dispatches today indicated that the French bag was of Zeppelins of an entirely new type—the dirigibles, which in months have been secretly tested out over Lake Constance. Official statements accounted for the destruction or capture of four of these. Two others were officially announced as passing a point in southern France "out of control." A seventh disembarked, its wounded and sped away toward Switzerland.

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UNEARTH GOLD IN FRANCE

\$400,000 Weekly Obtained From Private Hands; Take \$4400 From Austrian

PARIS, Oct. 22.—The Bank of France's statement of receipts shows there is still a considerable amount of gold in private hands in France. It is coming out at present at the rate of about \$400,000 a week.

In searching the residence of a recently interned Austrian subject at Nice the other day, the police found \$4499 in gold coins of several different countries. This gold was turned over to the Bank of France, while more than \$200,000 worth of securities were put under seal.

TURKS JOIN BULGARS IN PEACE INTIMATIONS

Washington Advised That Both Sorely Distrust Germany and Austro-Hungary

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 22.

The hand of the Kaiser will be seen in political and peace developments in Germany this week. According to word from Berlin, the Kaiser has arrived there from Constantinople and will hold a number of conferences during the next few days with members of the Cabinet and the leaders of the various factions in the Reichstag.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.

That Turkey, as well as Bulgaria, has thrown out hints of willingness to accept separate peace "on favorable terms" with the Entente was admitted in diplomatic circles today. Both nations now are suspicious that Germany and Austro-Hungary expect to utilize them as pawns in any peace game that can be initiated. The result is that both are believed here earnestly to be endeavoring to find a way to benefit themselves even though in doing so they abandon the war. Realization of these facts was responsible for the recent visit of the Kaiser to the Sultan and Bulgarian King.

In this connection it is reported in confidential advices reaching here that the Kaiser's visit did more harm than good, especially his attempt to cultivate the intimacy of the Sultan. Both Allied and neutral diplomats have received advices saying that in certain German circles and in Scandinavia the impression is growing that the Kaiser only consented to visiting Constantinople after it had been impressed upon him that the loyalty of the Turks to the pan-German cause was distinctly under suspicion. His acceptance of Turkish hospitality, in view of the Turkish atrocities against Christians, has embittered many of his own people it is stated in the confidential information reaching here.

TAKES \$100,000 OF LOAN

Allentown Man Largest Subscriber in Lehigh Valley

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Oct. 22.—D. George Dery, who, as an individual, is the world's greatest silk manufacturer, owning and operating eighteen weaving and throwing mills, today subscribed for \$100,000 of Liberty Bonds.

This is the largest individual subscription to Liberty Bonds in the Lehigh Valley.

\$10 to "Beat Up" Camden Cop

ELIZABETH, N. J., Oct. 22.—A woman, 28 years old, of 252 Washington street, Camden, who was arrested yesterday for beating up a policeman, today was arraigned before Recorder Stackhouse, accused of assault and battery on Police Officer Walter Stanton. Stanton told the Recorder he went to the rescue of the woman's husband, upon whom she was raising the hook, and was rewarded with several blows over the head before he subdued her.

WHEAT AND MEAT MAY FOLLOW SUGAR

Two Further Famines Certain Unless Strictest Conservation Is Practiced

FOOD AUTHORITIES WARN

An Ounce Less Saccharin Daily Would Save Situation and Supply Allies

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.

The National Food Administration has canceled its plans for a special food campaign lasting for one week in Pennsylvania. Throughout the rest of the nation this special campaign will go on, as originally arranged.

When this "drive" was first projected it was the intention of the Food Administration to utilize the week beginning October 22. At the request of the President it was postponed until early November, so that it might not interfere with the Liberty Loan campaign.

Just why Pennsylvania has been omitted from the big crusade was not revealed at the offices of the Food Administration today.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.

The sugar famine is just a foretaste of wheat and meat famines to follow if American homes don't heed the conservative warnings of the Government, a high food administration official said today.

This will be one of the chief arguments used to enlist the country's 22,000,000 housewives in active wheat, meat, fat and sugar conservation during the food-pledge campaign the week of October 22.

On the assumption that the arbiters of America's dining rooms will make the requisite conservation of these foods, the Government is going ahead with its plans to supply our European allies with wheat, meat, fat and sugar to make up their enormous shortage.

Failure to restrict their use on American tables will bring acute shortages, as of sugar.

Last spring, when M. Hovelague, of the French war mission, said that the world was confronted with famine, many intelligent Americans scoffed at the idea.

The truth of Hovelague's statement is daily coming to light.

Herbert Hoover also warns that there is a real world shortage of wheat, meat, fat and sugar. The saving possible is shown by the fact that twenty pounds of sugar a year is the least amount of sugar a human needs to keep fit. Americans eat ninety pounds a year. Eating an ounce less a day would end the famine and adequately supply both America and the Allies.

Italy's plight is the worst. Sugar cards are issued, but often there is no sugar with which to honor them. Making or selling sweets of any kind is prohibited. No food containing any sugar can be eaten except at dinner on Thursday and Friday, and then only one sugar dish.

Only by strict individual conservation can America's millions avoid famines in the four foodstuffs named, administration officials insist.

Chapel Cornerstone Laid

YORK, Pa., Oct. 22.—The cornerstone of the new chapel being erected by the Sunday school of the First United Brethren Church was laid yesterday. The Rev. Dr. A. A. Long, the pastor, was in charge of the services. The principal speaker was the Rev. Dr. W. R. Pank, of Dayton, O. The structure will cost \$45,000.

READING CONDUCTOR KILLED

Railroad Man for Forty Years Loses Life in Automobile Accident

NORRISTOWN, Pa., Oct. 22.—Samuel Hamilton, of Norristown, a conductor on the Reading railway for forty years, was killed by a car and Mrs. Almy street, Norristown, Sunday, in a collision between two automobiles, one belonging to Stanley R. Beck, of Allentown, and the other owned by Abraham Sablosky, of Norristown. The Beck car, in which Hamilton was riding with a granddaughter, with Beck driving, was overturned. The child escaped injury. Hamilton's skull was fractured.

Nathan Sablosky, who was driving his brother's car, and Beck were each held in \$1000 bail to await the action of the Coroner of Montgomery County.

P. R. T.'S SUBSIDIARIES SUE TO RECOVER TAX

Claim Refund of Excise Imposed of \$73,000 Levied by Federal Government

Suits to recover from the Government excise taxes amounting to \$73,768.82, brought by the Union Traction Company, the Market Street Elevated Passenger Railway Company and the Philadelphia Traction Company, all under lease to the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, were heard today with a jury by Judge Thompson in the Federal Court. The court was asked to make an order requiring the Government to refund the amount collected, with interest. Decision was reserved.

The point involved is whether or not the three companies have been doing business within the meaning of the excise tax law of August 5, 1909, under which the taxes were levied by William McCooch, when Collector of Internal Revenue, in 1911 and 1912. The Government claimed that they had deviated from the expressed purpose, the collection of rents and income for distribution among their stockholders, for which they maintained their corporate existence after they were leased to the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, and therefore were liable to the taxes. The deviations consisted, it was claimed, in the leasing of trolley cars by the Market Street Elevated in behalf of the transit company and in otherwise assisting it in operating the overhead railway; in the action of the Union Traction Company in assisting the P. R. T. in the flotation of a bond issue of \$10,000,000 in 1911; and in the assistance extended by the Philadelphia Traction Company to the P. R. T. in its operation of the leased lines. For these activities the three companies were assessed, respectively, \$594, \$25,906.99 and \$31,917.33.

Counsel for the companies asserted that the acts performed by the companies were in pursuance of the lease agreements and did not constitute a performance of business within the meaning of the excise tax law.

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SAMMEES OF ALL RANKS BOOST LOAN

Subscriptions of Soldiers in France Doubled in Single Day

PERSHING MAKES APPEAL

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AMERICAN FIELD HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, Oct. 22.

More complete returns of the Liberty Loan subscriptions indicate great patriotic rivalry among all branches of America's expeditionary force. Even civilian clerks, French interpreters, headquarters stenographers and Y. M. C. A. and Salvation Army workers are subscribing to make the success of the Liberty Loan certain.

General Pershing, in his proclamation calling for support of the loan, said: "The new Liberty Loan being floated by the Government to support the cost of this war should appeal especially to our men at home who are preparing and to those who are here to fight with the aid of our Allies for the ideals that are making our country great. We as soldiers come from a free people; we are here to carry out their will. Ours is a patriotic service; ours is a privilege few generations of men have had to battle for the right and the sacred principles of humanity, with no thought of gain.

"It is an honor, not a sacrifice. To feel that our country, under the leadership of President Wilson and the Congress, is applying its splendid efforts to the struggle for human rights is an inspiration.

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U. OF P. STUDENTS BEGIN MILITARY TRAINING TODAY

Military training for the student body of the University of Pennsylvania began today under the student officers, the expected regular army officers not yet having been assigned by the War Department. The drill will be conducted in the dormitory triangle.

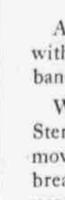
The principal work today will be the formation of the roll and teaching the rookies the school of the squad and of the company, in preparation for company and platoon drill. Plans for organization of a drum and bugle corps and a signal corps have already been completed.

Authority to use the same United States uniforms that were worn last year, with a red and blue cord around the cut of the sleeve, has been received from the Government.

Soldiers Wrist Watches

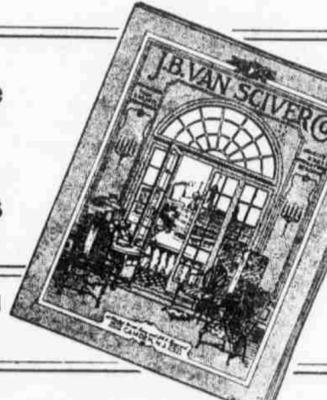
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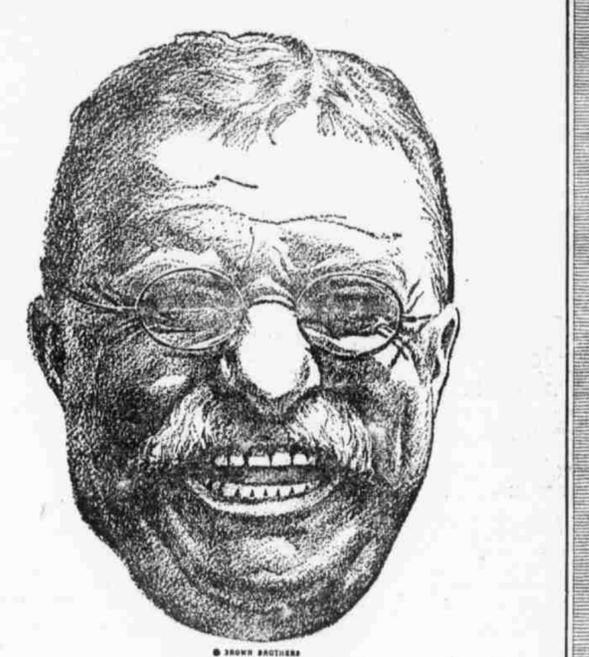
Take for example an article on "The Care of Bedding." Herein one finds expert advice on a subject of vital interest to every housewife—and this is but typical of the genuine helpfulness which is the keynote of this booklet. We are mailing and distributing thousands of copies daily, but even the most complete list is by no means perfect—and we want every interested family to have one. Hence this invitation to every one, to phone or write us for a copy. Just say "Send Me Your Booklet," and let us have your name and address. It will be forwarded at once.

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